

Cats In Distress

Charity No 1167332

Trustees Annual report for the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

Our structure and governance remains unchanged.

We are governed by our Constitution dated 25th May 2016.

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Aside from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

Objectives & Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document, constitution dated 25th May 2016, is to relieve the suffering of cats in need of care and attention and, in particular to provide rescue homes or other facilities for the admission, care & treatment of such cats.

The focus of our activities remains to provide appropriate care for cats & kittens in need of assistance, whilst finding them their adopted homes and to promote humane behaviour to all animals

In planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind the charity commissions guidance on the public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Achievements and Performance

2023 was a challenging year, with difficult conditions post covid, the economic crisis and a rise in vet fees all contributing to the number of animals needing help.

In late 2022 a decision was made by the trustees that we could no longer support two sites. Having two sites proved difficult to manage and too costly to maintain, whilst we were able to help more cats, it was felt that the welfare of the cats was compromised.

A mutual decision was agreed with the owner of the other site, that they would split from us, continuing to operate autonomously, they would no longer operate under the Cats In Distress name.

Being able to focus our attention to one site, meant we were able to concentrate on developing and improving our original on-site facilities.

Our biggest achievement in 2023 was the completion of our new office block and maternity unit. The opening of two maternity pens, away from the hustle and bustle of life in the main rescue, meant we were able to provide a quieter, stress free environment for nursing queens. This new unit, meant there was no decrease in the work carried out by the rescue, we saw 14 mums and kittens pass through the unit in 2023. We also now have a dedicated team of mum and kitten fosterers.

We've seen a marked increase in the amount of communication calls, emails & messages that we receive from the general public, asking for help or advise for either their own pets or animals believed to be abandoned.

This increase is a direct result of more animals and people needing help; increased social presence and promotion of the work we do have all led to an increase in workload.

The number of volunteers continues to grow steadily with 40 active volunteers

We continued to work both locally & nationally with other animal rescue charities, local authorities and private landlords. We have seen an increase in increase in the amount of animals needing help.

The following figures do not reflect how busy 2023,

- 304 cats & kittens adopted
- 3 ferals neutered
- 5 cats reunited with their owners
- 3 cats received medical assistance
- 7 neutering vouchers issued

In addition to our core objectives we have increased our work within the local community, hosting students from Bath & Frome Colleges & giving their students access to work experience opportunities. Young people have also been supported through various volunteering opportunities including the Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The Charity holds cash in the bank of unrestricted funds, totalling £26,846

Our main source of funding continues to be from donations, but we were also very active in applying for grants. We received two grants in January and April from Mars totalling £2000, Hobhouse Trust £3000, and ADCH awarded us a grant of £4500 in April. Our fundraising activities mainly focussed on events that were organised & hosted by us, these raised £7,100. In addition we continued our association with Pets At Home VIP lifelines and Give as You live online donating.

All our expenditure has been to support the key objectives of the charity namely;

Maintaining and expanding the rescue centre

Recruiting, managing & supporting fosterers and other volunteers in their duties

Providing the appropriate care and treatment of all cats that are admitted to the charity.

Assisting pet owners who are facing economic difficulties, by offering food and/or help with vet fees to enable the pet to remain with the owner.

Working with other animal and human charities, local authorities and the police to safeguard animals in critical situations.

Our largest expenditure in 2023 was for vet fees, medication and food, without these elements we would not be able to continue our work.

Name of the Trustees who manage the charity:

Ginny Parratt – Founding Trustee

Claire Randall Cooke - Treasurer

Amy Parratt - Trustee

Cats in Distress
Registered Charity 1167332
Payment and Receipts Account
for the period Dec 2023

Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	75891	0	75891
Commission Received	3357	0	3357
Events	6425	0	6425
Gift Aid	9426	0	9426
Grants	9500	0	9500
Total Received	104599	0	104599
Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			45050
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			11671
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			719
Admin and Running Costs			9317
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			161
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			3018
Mileage			2180
Buildings			27347
Events			704
Total Expenses			100166
Net Income (income less expenses)			<u>4433</u>
Profit for Year to Date			<u>4433</u>
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/23)			22413
Total Net Income			<u>104599</u>
			127012
Less Expenses			<u>100166</u>
Closing Bank @ 31/12/23			<u>26846</u>
Total Funds carried forward			<u>26846</u>

Restricted

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Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions		0	0
Commission Received		0	0
Events		0	0
Gift Aid		0	0
Grants	6500	0	6500
Total Received	6500	0	6500
Expenditure:			
Vet Fees			9559
Cattery Consumables, Food and			3212
Assoc costs			
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			
Admin and Running Costs			
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			
Mileage			
Buildings			
Purchases/Sundries			
Total Expenses			12771
Net Income (income less expenses)			<u>-6271</u>
Profit for Year to Date			<u>-6271</u>
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/23)			6271
Total Net Income			6500
			12771
Less Expenses			12771
Closing Bank @ 31/12/23			<u>0</u>
Total Funds carried forward			<u>0</u>

Unrestricted

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Payment and Receipts Account
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Income Received:	Gross	Expenses	Net
Donations/Adoptions	75891	0	75891
Commission Received	3357	0	3357
Events	6425	0	6425
Gift Aid	9426	0	9426
Grants	3000	0	3000
Total Received	98099	0	98099
Expenditure:			
Vet Fees, Meds and Microchips			35491
Cattery Consumables, Food and Assoc costs			8459
Cleaning, PPE, Clothing			719
Admin and Running Costs			9317
Cat Eqpt (Carriers etc)			161
Insurance, Rent and Utilities			3018
Mileage			2180
Buildings			27347
Events			704
Total Expenses			87396
Net Income (income less expenses)			<u>10703</u>
Profit for Year to Date			<u>10703</u>
Opening balance at Bank (1/1/23)			16142
Total Net Income			<u>98099</u>
			114241
Less Expenses			<u>87396</u>
Closing Bank @ 31/12/2023			<u>26846</u>
Total Funds carried forward			<u><u>26846</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Cats in Distress		
On accounts for the year ended	31 Dec 2023	Charity no (if any)	1167332
Set out on pages	1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 Dec 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

J. Usher

Date:

16/8/2024

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.